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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR: ITALIAN INTERVENTION

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1. SINCE NO AUTHORITATIVE NEWS HAS BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING
PLF PLANS FOR KAGNEW FOUR, AND ONE CONTACT POSSIBILITY
HAS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY EVAPORATED, EMBASSY SHOULD IN-
FORM MFA THAT USG WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF IT WOULD
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USE ITS CHANNELS TO INTERVENE URGENTLY WITH PLF ON

HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR THE FOUR MEN'S UNCONDITIONAL
RELEASE AND PARTICULARLY, OF COURSE, NOT TO CARRY OUT
THREAT TO EXECUTE THEM BY OCTOBER

3. OBVIOUSLY, FACT THAT THIS APPROACH IS BEING MADE AT
US REQUEST SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED TO PLF.

2. WE LEAVE TO GOI'S JUDGMENT BEST ARGUMENTS TO USE
IN BACKING UP APPROACH, BUT SUGGEST THAT PLF BE TOLD IT
IS NOT ACTING IN ITS OWN BEST INTERESTS BY CONTINUING TO
DETAIN THESE MEN AND THREATENING TO EXECUTE THEM, SINCE
SUCH ACTIONS ARE GENERATING INCREASING UNFAVORABLE
PUBLICITY FOR ERITREAN CAUSE.

3. WE ARE REPEATING FOR YOUR INFORMATION SEVERAL MES-

SAGES SETTING FORTH BACKGROUND OF CASE AND USG POSITIONS
RESPECTING IT, WHICH MAY BE DRAWN UPON IN DISCUSSIONS WITH
MFA.

4. IF MFA INQUIRES WHETHER OTHER GOVTS HAVE ALSO BEEN
REQUESTED TO APPROACH PLF ON BEHALF KAGNEW FOUR, YOU
SHOULD REPLY THAT SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS AND ICRC HAVE BEEN
REQUESTED TO DO SO BUT THAT WE ARE UNCERTAIN HOW EFFECTIVE
THEIR APPROACHES WILL BE. WE, THEREFORE, HOPE GOI WILL
PROCEED URGENTLY WITH ITS APPROACH. INGERSOLL

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